

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) The wildlife week is observed every year starting from 2nd October to coincide with the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. As in previous years, the Prime Minister's message on the eve of wildlife week, was widely circulated. The State Governments were requested to organise various wildlife awareness generation programmes involving the relevant departments, non-governmental organisations and the youth. Nature camps and group visits by school Children to nearby national parks and sanctuaries and zoological parks were organised. The mass media was utilised for spreading the message of wildlife conservation. In Delhi, the National Zoological Park Organised the main function on behalf of this Ministry, wherein various activities like painting competition, essay writing, clay and mask modelling, wildlife cartoon drawing, wildlife quiz, fancy dress competition and wildlife photography contests were organised.

(b) and (c). Census of major species of wild animals is conducted periodically by the States and not specifically during the wildlife week.

The comparative figures of the last 2 census in respect of the major endangered species is given below:

S. No.	Name of Species	Year	
		1989	1993
1.	Tiger	4334	3750
2.	Leopard	6763	6828
3.	Elephant	17635 Min. to 24090 Max.	22796 Min. to 28346 Max.
4.	Rhinos	1591	1566 (1995)
5.	Lion	284 (1990)	304 (1995)

Although no new schemes were launched during the wildlife week by this Ministry, all the ongoing central sector and centrally sponsored schemes for wildlife conservation were continued.

[Translation]

Irregularities in Sindri Fertilisers Plant

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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILISERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received any complaint regarding the irregularities in Sindri Fertilisers Industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action being taken by the Government in this regard;

(d) whether the Indian Fertilisers Workers Union has demanded a C.B.I. inquiry into the working of Sindri Fertilisers Industry; and

(e) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) to (c). A number of complaints containing allegations of financial irregularities in the Sindri unit of the Fertiliser Corpn. of India Ltd. were received. These were examined to assess whether there was a prima-facie case warranting a further probe. None of the allegations could be substantiated by facts.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

[English]

Attack on Elderly Citizen

613. SHRI GORDHANBHAI JAVIA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the incidents of attacks on the elderly citizens and couples in Delhi have been increasing;

(b) if so, the details of such incidents reported during the last one year; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to reduce such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) and (b). 24 cases of attacks on elderly citizens/couples have been reported in Delhi during the period from 1.11.95 to 31.10.96 as against 25 such cases reported during the corresponding period from 1.11.94 to 31.10.95. The details of such crimes are as under :

Crime Head	1.11.95 to 31.10.96		1.11.94 to 31.10.95	
	Alone	Couple	Alone	Couple
Murder	11	2	16	5
Dacoity	2	-	1	1
Robbery	6	-	1	-
Hurt	2	-	-	-
(Grievous)				
Culpable homicide (u/s 304 IPC)	1	-	-	-
Attempt to culpable Homicide (u/s 308 IPC)	-	-	1	-

(c) The steps taken to prevent/reduce such crime are as under :

(i) A Senior Citizens' Security Scheme is in